

REMARKSI. INTRODUCTION

In response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2003, claims 8 and 18 have been amended. Claims 1-69 remain in the application. Re-examination and re-consideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

II. BRACKETING AND UNDERLINING OF CLAIMS

In the Office Action dated March 31, 2003, it was asserted that the amendment filed April 2, 2002 (originally mailed September 27, 2001) failed to comply with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121 and 1.173. Specifically, claims 8 and 18 were not bracketed and underlined from the original as required.

Applicants' attorney has bracketed and underlined claims 8 and 18 as indicated above. Moreover, these amendments comply with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121 and 1.173.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

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